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RESPONSE

May 21, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Communication dated April 27, 1999 stating that the copy of Fig. 1 showing proposed changes in red ink was not received with Applicants' Amendment dated February 5, 1999. Enclosed herewith is another copy of Fig. 1 showing the proposed changes in red ink.

Respectfully submitted,

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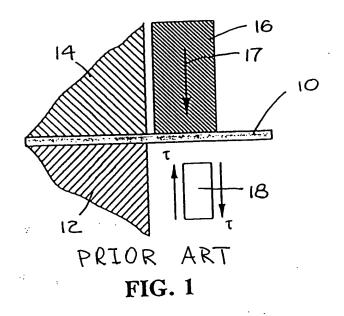
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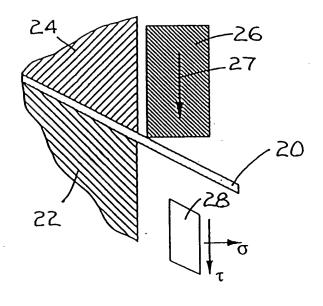
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FIG. 2